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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Ipswich, South Dakota.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
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Table of Allotments) RM-_____
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FM Broadcast Stations)
)
(Ipswich, South Dakota)

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain Tower Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 300A (107.9 Mhz) to Ipswich, South Dakota as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 300A (107.9 Mhz) to Ipswich, South Dakota and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 300A to Ipswich will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Ipswich is located in Northeast South Dakota. It is also located within Edmunds County, a county of some 4,300 persons. Presho has a population of 965 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 300A to Ipswich will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Ipswich is located at Redfield, South Dakota. Redfield is located 39 kilometers from Ipswich.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Ipswich is presently without local FM service.

4. Ipswich would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 39 Kilometers of Ipswich. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Ipswich area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 300A can be allotted to Ipswich and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Ipswich, South Dakota	-----	300A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 300A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 300A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 45 - 27' - 00", W. 99 - 01' - 30") are that of a site located within the community of Ipswich, South Dakota. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 300A to Ipswich. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Ipswich. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Ipswich would benefit from the allotment of channel 300A. It has also been shown that channel 300A can be allotted to Ipswich and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain Tower Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 300A for Ipswich, South Dakota, 73.202.

8. Should channel 300A be allotted to Ipswich, South Dakota, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Ipswich.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: June 30, 1997

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 300A6 (107.9 MHz), at N. 45 27 0, W. 99 1 30.

Searching Channel 300A6 (107.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Mitchell	SD	297	C1	U	210.4	75.0	157.2½	135.4
KQRN	Mitchell	SD	297	C1	L	210.4	75.0	157.2½	135.4
K299AM	Carpenter	SD	299	D	C	117.2	0.0	140.8½	117.2
ALC	Fargo	ND	300	C1	U	233.9	200.0	47.4½	33.9
KPFX	Fargo	ND	300	C1	L	222.1	200.0	56.8½	22.1
ALC	Flandreau	SD	300	C3	V	247.8	142.0	128.9½	105.8
NEW	Flandreau	SD	300	C3	A	241.3	142.0	132.2½	99.3
NEW	Flandreau	SD	300	C3	A	247.9	142.0	133.8½	105.9
NEW	Flandreau	SD	300	C3	A	238.2	142.0	126.7½	96.2

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL STUDY
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
MOUNTAIN TOWER BROADCASTING

IPSWICH QUADRANGLE
SOUTH DAKOTA—EDMUNDS CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

